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## NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

FORT McHENRY NATIONAL MONUMENT AND  
HISTORIC SHRINE  
BALTIMORE, MARYLAND 21230-5393



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### NOTICE

As of May 1, 2009 Fort McHenry National Monument and Historic Shrine will embark upon the construction of a new visitor center. This 18-month project will result in a state of the art visitation facility with new audiovisual programs, engaging exhibits, and more space for visiting groups. This is a very exciting and much needed improvement! However, we want to share the operational changes during the construction period which will affect the public.

Starting on April 27, the existing parking facilities will be affected. The construction will occur in the current parking lot, resulting in all cars and small busses parking having to park in the grassy overflow lot. School busses and motor coaches will be allowed into the park to unload only. Busses must exit the premises after discharging their passengers.

Picnic benches will be relocated to the Cherry Grove near the statue of Orpheus.

Temporary restrooms and vending machines will be moved next to the current Visitor Center from the parking area.

Scheduled Ranger programs and the introductory movie will continue to be given on a regular basis.

We appreciate your willingness to accommodate these changes during your visit and look forward to seeing you in future years in the new facility!

Sincerely,

Gay Vietzke  
Superintendent

